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Ushering in the New Year the armed guerilla struggle of the South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people is growing in scope and strength against the U.S. imperialists who, having occupied South Korea for 20-odd years, have brought immeasurable misfortunes and sufferings to the Korean people and are running amuck to launch another war in Korea, and against their lackeys.

The heroic South Korean armed guerillas who attacked the enemies in almost all parts of South Korea, finishing off many enemies including the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops in the name of the people, are dealing one heavy blow after another at the enemies with more fierceness, frustrating their desperate large-scale "search operations."

The following is press reports from South Korea during a week of January 21-27.

January 21

★ An armed guerilla unit consisting of many members made its appearance in the heart of Seoul and fought a fierce battle with a puppet police unit from the night of the 21st till the early morning of the 22nd.

The armed guerilla unit marched up to 500 metres away from the "Chungwadae," the den of the Pak Jung Hi clique, and exchanged fierce fire with the puppet police and the special service unit. In the battle the armed guerillas killed scores of policemen and stooges, the puppet Jongro police station chief involved. It also destroyed with handgrenades four military vehicles mobilized to the scene.

One of the guerillas stormed into the den of the enemy and wounded heavily or lightly the puppet security bureau chief and other several puppet policemen.

Frightened by the assault the U.S. imperialists and Pak Jung Hi clique held a series of "emergency meetings" of the puppet army bosses from the early morning of the 22nd while running wild, issuing an "emergency mobilization order" to let loose the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and two puppet army divisions and one combat group, tens of thousands strong, for the "searching operation" and flying helicopters in the sky above Seoul for "air search."

On the other hand, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique extended the "curfew" set between 12 o'clock in the night and 4 o'clock in the morning to 7 in the evening to 6 the next morning and arrested guiltless inhabitants at random, banning the traffic and combing the whole city.

January 22

☆ Armed guerillas who appeared in Euijongbu city, Kyonggi Province, punished a police of the puppet Euijongbu police station on the street.

★ Armed guerillas turned up at Segumjong in the suburbs of Seoul and vanished triumphantly after administering baptism of handgrenades to the bandits of the puppet police and special service corps.

☆ Armed guerillas exchanged fire with the puppet military and police at a village north of Bibong, Mt. Bukhan, killing a puppet army soldier.

★ An armed guerilla unit attacked a post of the 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army squatting in the Paju district, Kyonggi Province, showering handgrenades and bullets on the Yankee scoundrels.

☆ Another armed guerilla unit attacked a post of the 3rd regiment, 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army, showering fire upon the enemy.

☆ Armed guerillas with tommy guns and other small arms appeared in Pyongtaek County, Kyonggi Province, making the enemy run helter-skelter.

☆ An armed guerilla unit with tommy guns and handgrenades made its appearance in Euiryong County, South Kyongsang Province, and went down to a village from a mountain in Ryugok-myon, making the enemy tremble with fear.

January 23

☆ An armed guerilla unit attacked a "search unit" of the puppet army, dealing a heavy blow at them, in Shindo-myon, Koyang County, Kyonggi Province, between 1 and 3 o'clock in the morning.

★ An armed guerilla unit appeared again in Paju County and attacked the puppet military and police with handgrenades.

★ Armed guerillas fought fierce battles with the enemy on the Baksok pass and at the foot of Mt. Inwang in the Sodaemun district of Seoul.

★ Armed guerillas made an assault on the enemies at Janghung-ri, Yangju County, and at Daemyong-ri, Kimpo County, Kyonggi Province.

★ Armed guerillas attacked the Yankee scoundrels of the 1st brigade, 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army squatting along the Rimjin River in Paju County and showered fire upon them.

★ Another armed guerilla unit came down from a mountain at Wondang-ri, Wondang-myon, Koyang County, Kyonggi Province, and made a surprise attack on a puppet army unit. A fierce battle of rifle shooting went on for hours.

★ Armed guerillas who appeared on the mid-slope of Mt. Inwang in Seoul exchanged fire with the "search unit" of the 30th division of the puppet army. They poured a barrage of fire on the enemy, killing puppet troops.

★ Armed guerillas who engaged the enemy after advancing to Jangam-ri south of Euijongbu reappeared there two hours later, plunging the enemy into fear and confusion.

★ Armed guerillas attacked a post of the 51st signal battalion of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army entrenched in Euijongbu, Kyonggi Province. After showering fire upon the enemy the guerillas disappeared.

★ An armed guerilla unit attacked a post of the 101st reservist unit of the puppet army stationed between Seoul and Euijongbu and exchanged fire with the enemy for many hours.

★ An armed guerilla unit appeared at Samko-ri, Eungam-dong in Seoul breaking through the strict cordon of the enemy and shot to death the puppet troops and police with tommy guns.

★ An armed guerilla unit attacked the "search unit" of the 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army entrenched in the Paju district of the so-called western sector of the front and killed three Yankee aggressor troops at the end of a fierce battle.

★ On the same day other armed guerilla units appeared at Susaek-dong of Sodaemun district, and Songsu-dong of Sondong district in Seoul, in Kochon-myon of Kimpo County, Byokjae-myon of Koyang County, Kueup-ri, Joksong-myon of Paju County and Jongok-myon of Ryonchon County in Kyonggi Province, throwing the enemy into consternation.

January 24

★ Armed guerillas who advanced to the borders of Chunhyon-myon and Papyong-myon, Paju County, Kyonggi Province, exchanged fierce fire with the puppet army unit commanded by the villainous 15th regiment commander and finished off the regiment commander, a rascal. In the battle the armed guerillas also killed or wounded scores of the puppet troops.

★ Armed guerillas who advanced to the areas of Chilbongsa-ri and Sowol-ri, Koyang County, Kyonggi Province, fought a fierce battle with a puppet army unit mobilized in the "search operation," killing or wounding many enemy troops including two villainous officers.

★ Another unit of armed guerillas appeared in the area of Mt. Dobong north of Seoul and attacked the motor battalion of the 1,110th field engineer corps of the puppet army, killing several enemy troops including a lieutenant of the puppet army.

★ Armed guerillas who pushed into Bukhan-ri, Shindo-myon, Koyang County, Kyonggi Province, attacked the "search unit" of the 26th division of the puppet army, dealing a serious blow to it.

★ Another armed guerillas who appeared in the mountain in the suburbs of Euijongbu, Kyonggi Province, engaged the enemy for many hours, luring the latter.

★ Another armed guerillas who advanced to the area near Dongduchon, Yangju County, Kyonggi Province, fought a fierce shooting battle, dealing a blow to the enemy.

★ Armed guerilla units appeared simultaneously northeast of Euijongbu and south of Pochon, Kyonggi Province, and beat the enemy. The armed guerillas who advanced to the area northeast of Euijongbu dealt a serious blow to the 249th motor battalion of the puppet army mobilized in a "search operation."

★ Armed guerillas who raided a post of the 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops squatting in Paju County, Kyonggi Province, exchanged fierce fire with the enemy, shooting to death bestial Yankee aggressors.

★ Armed guerilla units appeared and were active at Munsan, Paju, Euijongbu, Pochon and other places in Kyonggi Province. The flabbergasted U.S. imperialists and Pak Jung Hi clique ran wild, sending flare-bombs into the sky, transporting the puppet "air-borne units" and "special units" by helicopters and throwing the "five-fold encircling nets," but all in vain.

★ An armed guerilla unit appeared again in the street at Rokbon-dong, Sodaemun district, Seoul, making the enemy tremble for fear.

★ Another armed guerilla unit advanced to Ohyang-ri, Kamgok-myon, Umsong County, North Chungchong Province, throwing the enemy into fear and confusion.

January 25

★ An armed guerilla unit which advanced to the Paju district, Kyonggi Province, where the 2nd division of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army is stationed, made a fierce attack on a post of the Yankee bandits, killing and injuring more than ten U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and puppet soldiers.

★ An armed guerilla unit appeared again in Umsong County, North Chungchong Province, plunging the enemy into terror.

★ Armed guerillas appeared all of a sudden in different parts of Paju County and disappeared

after attacking the enemy by surprise. In this course an armed guerilla unit killed or wounded over ten U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and the puppet troops in a fierce engagement when it encountered the enemy at around 12:15 p.m.

★ From the night of the 25th to next dawn an armed guerilla unit engaged the enemy in a battle of rifle-shooting for many hours in Baeksok-myon, Yangju County, Kyonggi Province.

★ From around 10 o'clock in the night of the 25th to the dawn of the 26th, armed guerillas made their appearance several times in the area of Paju County, Kyonggi Province, and dealt heavy blows to the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and the puppet troops by showering handgrenades and volleys upon them.

January 26

★ At around 9 o'clock in the morning, an armed guerilla unit which appeared in the area of Mt. Baekwun in Koyang County, Kyonggi Province, lured away the puppet army unit mobilized in "search operation" and attacked it, plunging it into confusion, and then disappeared.

★ At around 8:30 a.m., an armed guerilla unit stormed a post of the Yankee aggressor army stationed in Paju County, Kyonggi Province, and fired a deadly volley at it, finishing off a Yankee rascal.

★ At around 10 p.m. an armed guerilla unit again appeared in Paju County, Kyonggi Province and dealt repeated blows to the enemy. It mowed down the puppet military and police mobilized in the "search operation" and then disappeared.

January 27

At around 6 o'clock in the morning an armed guerilla unit which appeared in Yangju County, Kyonggi Province, plunged the puppet military and police into confusion and then vanished. At 11:30 p.m. it again appeared all of a sudden and disappeared after engaging the rascals of the "counter intelligence corps" of the puppet army in a battle of rifle-shootings.

★ At around 10:30 a.m. an armed guerilla unit appeared in other area of this county and engaged the puppet troops in a battle of rifle-shooting and then vanished.

★ Armed guerilla units made their appearance in succession in Paju County, Kyonggi Province, making the enemy run helter-skelter. At dawn a unit of them had a fierce engagement with the rascals of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army entrenched in this area, and another engaged the "search unit" bandits of the puppet army.

★ At around 5:30 p.m. an armed guerilla unit which had appeared both at dawn and in the daytime in the area of Yangju County, Kyonggi Province, plunging the enemy into terror and confusion, again appeared and lured out and attacked the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and puppet military and police who were running amuck in the so-called "search operation," and disappeared.

★ Armed guerilla units appeared in different parts of Paju County, giving the enemy shiver. One of the armed guerilla units engaged the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and the puppet army in the fierce rifle-shooting battle, finishing off the enemy.

The heroic struggle of the South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people for wiping out the U.S. imperialist aggressor army and its lackeys is ever expanding and the enemy is trembling for fear in face of the revolutionary advance of the South Korean people.

The Heroic Korean People's Army and the People Will Deal an Annihilating Blow to the U.S. Imperialist Aggressors If the Latter Venture to Attack Us

On January 23 this year the naval ships of the Korean People's Army captured the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialists which committed outright provocative acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Minister of National Defence warmly greeted the soldiers of the naval unit of the Korean People's Army who meted out a stern punishment to the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on January 27, denouncing the extremely brazen and arrogant, brigandish act of the U.S. imperialists who illegally "complained" to the United Nations Security Council, clamouring that our self-defence action taken to seize the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo," which was perpetrating hostile acts after intruding into the territorial waters of our country, was a "violation of international law" and who are blaring that they will take "retaliatory measures" by mobilizing armed forces on a large scale. Follows the full text of the statement:

Statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The U.S. imperialists are now running wild again to use the United Nations for their aggressive purpose. Clamouring that our self-defence action taken to seize the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo," which was perpetrating hostile acts after intruding into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was a "violation of international law," U.S. imperialism "complained" to the United Nations Security Council.

This is the most shameless, arrogant and insolent act of brigandage.

The recent "Pueblo" incident has more completely laid bare the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism.

The special armed spy ship "Pueblo" equipped with various installations for espionage was seized by the navy crafts of the Korean People's Army on January 23 last in the territorial waters of our side, in latitude 39°17.4′ N. and

longitude 127°46.9′ E. of the East Korea Gulf, while it was spying in many places on a series of military and state secrets such as various military installations, the deployment of armed forces and industrial facilities at different ports and along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our country according to the instructions given by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have destroyed systematically the Korean Armistice Agreement and are perpetrating incessantly military provocative acts against the northern half of the Republic.

The provocative act of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of the planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people resolutely condemn the villainous criminal manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

It is entirely right that the Korean people have taken the decisive measures of self-defence against the unpardonable aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists.

The U.S. imperialists are now raising a frantic war clamour, bringing the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations in order to cover up and justify their criminal acts and saying, on the other hand, that they will take "retaliatory measures" by mobilizing armed forces on a large scale.

But the U.S. imperialists, no matter how hard they may try, can never conceal their ugly nature of aggression or frighten the Korean people.

The heroic Korean People's Army and the entire Korean people have got fully prepared for coping with any provocation or invasion by the U.S. imperialists and will deal an exterminatory blow at the enemies if they dare make an attack.

The United Nations should not repeat again the disgraceful history of having been utilized by the U.S. imperialists as a tool in the aggressive war in Korea launched by them. It is entirely illegal for the United Nations to discuss the "complaint" of U.S. imperialism which has perverted the truth. To safeguard the security and sovereignty of its fatherland against enemy's infringement is an inviolable right of every independent state and is an internal affair which no one can encroach upon.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal "complaint" of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security Council, will not recognize any resolution to be concocted to cover up U.S. imperialist aggression and will declare it null and void.

If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the acts of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people are convinced that the entire socialist countries, the national independent states in Asia and Africa and all the progressive peoples of the world who treasure peace and justice will pay deep attention to the grave situation which has been created in Korea by U.S. imperialism, wage a resolute struggle to break the tentacles of aggression of the U.S. imperialists and express active support for and solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for safeguarding the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country.

Pyongyang, January 27, 1968

Smash U.S. Imperialists' Moves to Unleash Another War!

Now the U.S. imperialists are resorting to increasingly malicious machinations, becoming more active in their policy for provoking a new war in Korea.

These bandits are frenziedly trying to use again the United Nations for their pernicious aggressive purpose. The U.S. imperialists who made their armed spy ship intrude into the inviolable territorial waters of our country and commit hostile acts, "complained" to the United Nations Security Council, like a thief shouting "stop the thief!" ranting that our self-defence action in seizing this armed spy ship was a "violation of international law." This is an arrogant and impudent, robber-like act which is brazen enough.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on January 27 issued a state-

ment exposing and denouncing such odious and sinister manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and expressing its immovable stand. The statement of the D.P.R.K. Government reflects the unanimous will and determination of the entire Korean people.

As facts clearly prove, the incident of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" further stripped bare every aspect of the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists and it shows what length they have gone in their reckless acts for igniting another war in Korea.

The special armed spy ship "Pueblo" equipped with various installations for espionage was seized by naval crafts of the Korean People's Army on January 23 in the territorial waters of our country, in latitude 39°17.4′ N. and longitude 127°46.9′ E. of the East Korea Gulf while it was spying in many places, as the captain of this armed spy ship confessed, on a series of military and state secrets such as various military installations, the deployment of armed forces and industrial facilities at different ports and along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our country, according to the instructions of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Is there any hostile act or provocative act more plain and grave than this criminal act of spying on various military and state secrets after intruding deep into the inviolable territorial waters of our country? This is an act of aggression and a wicked war provocation move, which is like highway robbery in broad daylight.

As pointed out in the statement of our Government, indeed, "The provocative act of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of the planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world."

The entire Korean people are denouncing, with surging indignation, this nefarious provocative act of the U.S. imperialists and are burning with the determination to mete out a more resolute and severe punishment, if the scoundrels persist in their reckless provocations.

It is entirely right for the Korean people to take a determined self-defence action against the intolerable act of aggression of the U.S. imperialists. It is an act for defending peace in Korea and, furthermore, in Asia by safeguarding the security of the country from the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and thwarting the war provocation moves of the aggressors.

Now the peoples of the socialist countries and the world peace-loving peoples and broad public opinion are sternly denouncing the vicious provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists against our country.

Even the U.S. reptile news agencies and press and Western news agencies and press cannot conceal the fact that the "Pueblo" is a U.S. imperialist armed spy ship and it committed espionage against our country.

Now when their crying criminal act has been brought into the open before the whole world, the U.S. imperialists are attempting to use the United Nations for their aggressive purpose by bringing the "Pueblo" incident to it in a crafty effort to conceal and justify their criminal act.

It is the trite method of the U.S. imperialists to use the signboard of the United Nations for their policies of aggression and war. When they were unleashing the war of aggression in Korea in 1950, the U.S. imperialists illegally usurped the signboard of the United Nations and still now they are trying to justify their occupation of South Korea and plotting to provoke a new war in Korea by stealing the name of the United Nations.

Thus the United Nations has irreparably impaired its own prestige in face of the world people by being abused for the provocation of the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression and their policy of aggression in Korea.

The United Nations must not repeat again its shameful history in which it was used as a tool of the U.S. imperialists in the Korean war ignited by them. It is entirely illegal for the United Nations to debate the brigandish, so-called "complaint" of the U.S. imperialists reversing black and white. The din of "complaint" raised by the highway robbers who intruded into others' territorial waters and committed hostile acts, is a crafty act for camouflaging their criminal acts in face of the world, which is intended to intensify provocations behind the smokescreen of such ruse.

It is the sacred right of each independent state to defend its security and sovereignty from the encroachment of the enemy, and it is an internal affair in which no one can interfere. The United Nations can never intervene in the exercise of this sacred right by each independent state.

The Government statement of the Republic solemnly declared that "The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal 'complaint' of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security Council, will not recognize any resolution to be concocted to cover up U.S. imperialist aggression and will declare it null and void."

This firm and just stand of the Government of the Republic will enjoy the unanimous support of the revolutionary people of the whole world and all the countries which value peace and national independence.

If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the acts of aggression perpetrated by

the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war.

The U.S. imperialists are trying to cover up their criminal acts. But, with no machinations can they veil their dirty aggressive nature.

The incident in which the U.S. imperialists infiltrated the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of our country to perpetrate hostile acts is a link in the chain of their new war provocation manoeuvres intensified in Korea in recent years and shows that these manoeuvres have reached a graver stage.

In recent years the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been ever more frantically reinforcing the puppet armed forces in South Korea and continuously introducing new-type weapons and military equipment there, while stepping up the establishment of a war-time mobilization system for driving out the South Korean people to an aggressive war and the militarization of economy, incessantly perpetrating military provocations against the area of the northern half of the Republic in wanton violation of the Armistice Agreement and trying to openly draw even the Japanese militarists in the implementation of their criminal war plan.

Particularly, since Johnson visited South Korea and whipped up war provocation the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and their hostile acts against the northern half have become all the more unscrupulous. In the past year, the U.S. imperialists fired 91 times as many shells as fired by them in the 13 years after the war into the portion of our side in the Demilitarized Zone. In January last year the U.S. imperialists went so far as to perpetrate the piratic act of infiltrating the Patrol Craft Escort No. 56 into the coastal waters of our side in the East Sea to shell the coastal area of our side. Such provocative acts are becoming still more active and vicious on the ground and sea and in the air with each passing day.

The "Pueblo" incident is a concentric expression of such intensified war provocation manoeuvres.

The U.S. imperialists are now raising feverish war clamours, raving that they would take so-called "retaliatory measures" by mobilizing the aggression armed forces on a large scale, while scheming to whitewash their criminal acts.

But the U.S. imperialists cannot frighten the Korean people with such machinations. The U.S. imperialists must realise that such manoeuvres cannot work before the Korean people.

As pointed out in the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, "The heroic Korean People's Army and the entire Korean people have got fully prepared for coping with any provocation or invasion by the U.S. imperialists and will deal an exterminatory blow at the enemies if they dare make an attack."

We will give a deserving answer to the provokers and if the enemy launches a play with fire, we will counter him with fire.

The situation caused by the provocative machinations and war clamours of the U.S. imperialists demands the entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army to heighten vigilance and strain of a high degree.

The entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army will closely watch every reckless move of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and keep a fully prepared posture to counter all sorts of the enemy's machinations. We will heighten revolutionary vigilance to a high degree and will be prepared in a more strained and mobilized posture.

In this way we will defend our socialist system and our fatherland.

At any time called by the Party and the Leader, the entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army will defend our revolutionary gains with their lives, firmly holding arms in hand.

We warn the U.S. imperialists to stop at once their reckless war manoeuvres.

The U.S. imperialists must not miscalculate the determination and might of our people but cool their heads and act discreetly.

We Korean people are not the Korean people of the past. The political, economic and military might of our people is incomparably stronger than that 18 years ago when the U.S. imperialists unleashed a war in our country. Today our people are rallied rock-firm with one ideology and one will around our Party and Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Leader.

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors dare provoke a new war, our people will rise as one, wipe the enemies out of our land to the last one and surely achieve the nation-wide victory of the revolution.

The provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean people are a challenge not only to the Korean people but to peace in Asia and the world.

We are convinced that all the socialist countries, national independent states of Asia and Africa and the entire progressive people of the world who treasure peace and justice will direct deep attention to the grave situation created in Korea by the U.S. imperialists, will wage a resolute struggle to break the tentacles of aggression of the U.S. imperialists and will express active support to and solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for safeguarding the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country.

Our heroic Korean people and the officers and men of the People's Army who are dashing forward in the spirit of Chollima, the spirit of being a match for a hundred foes, rallied close

around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, will surely smash to pieces any provocative machinations of the enemy.

U.S. imperialism, the thrice-cursed criminal who has imposed immeasurable misfortunes and disasters upon mankind through two-century-long blood-stained history of aggression, will surely perish and the just cause of our people for the freedom, unification and independence of the fatherland will certainly be crowned with victory.

The crew of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" captured by the navy of the heroic Korean People's Army on January 23, 1968 while conducting hostile acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our country

We Condemn the U.S. Imperialist Aggressors

Voices of the World People in Connection with the "Pueblo" Incident

The world people are sternly denouncing in unison the U.S. imperialist aggressors who infiltrated the armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to perpetrate hostile acts and are raising a new, frantic war clamour. They are condemning the U.S. imperialist aggressors as the chieftain of aggression and war and the wrecker of world peace.

The progressive people the world over are extending active support to and solidarity with the Korean people in their righteous struggle for defending national dignity and the sovereignty of the country, congratulating the heroic Korean People's Army on the capture of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism.

We Are Comrades-in-arms

In Democratic Viet Nam

In its government statement of January 29 the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam exposed the espionage by the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialists and their systematic violation of the Korean armistice agreement

and condemned the brigandish act of the U.S. imperialists who threatened to take "retaliatory measures" and brought the incident to the U.N. Security Council by falsifying facts.

The statement went on to say:

"The dispatch by the U.S. imperialists of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea constitutes a violation of international law and the 1953 armistice agreement on Korea, an encroachment on the sovereignty and security of the D.P.R.K. and a menace to peace in Asia and the world and to the world people. This is also an insolent challenge to the peace- and justice-loving people in the world." Affirming that the capture of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism is in keeping with the sacred and inalienable right to self-defence of the Government and the people of the D.P.R.K., the statement vehemently protested against the U.S. imperialists for bringing the incident for discussion at the U.N. Security Council.

In conclusion the statement pointed out that the peoples of Viet Nam and Korea are dear brothers and comrades-in-arms fighting against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy, for national independence and freedom and unification of the fatherlands, and expressed the conviction that the heroic Korean people will surely be crowned with victory.

We Will Actively Contribute to the Struggle of the Korean Brothers by Dealing Heavier Blows at the U.S. Imperialists

In South Viet Nam

The Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation issued a statement on January 30 and pointed out that the provocative activities of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship constitute a flagrant encroachment on the independence and sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a grave menace to peace in Asia and the world. Stressing that it is a legitimate right of the Korean people to take resolute self-defence measures against the U.S. imperialists, the statement pointed out that the U.N. has no right to let itself be used by the U.S. imperialists as a tool for war provocation. The South Vietnamese people and the National Front for Liberation, the statement continued, are paying special attention to the grave situation created by the U.S. imperialists in Korea.

Strongly demanding the U.S. imperialists to give up these acts and manoeuvres immediately, the statement concluded by pledging that the South Viet Nam People's Armed Forces and people will more resolutely fight to defeat completely the aggressive war of the U.S. imperialists and to deal heavier blows at them, thus contributing to the struggle waged by the Korean brothers to defend the honour and sovereignty of their country.

We Unconditionally Support the Exemplary Stand of the Korean Government and Party Guided by Comrade Kim Il Sung

In Cuba

In its statement of January 27 the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party pointed out that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea exercised the inalienable right of a sovereign state by seizing the U.S. imperialist spy ship in its territorial waters, and exposed and denounced the frenzied war racket of the U.S. imperialists. The war hysterics like Johnson, the statement disclosed, ordered partial mobilization of the armed forces and call-up of part of the reservists and, at the same time, massed the air and naval forces equipped with atomic weapons in the periphery of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists opposed themselves to a heroic, determined people, the statement unconditionally supported the stand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It stressed:

"We unconditionally support the exemplary stand of the Korean government and Party guided by Comrade Kim Il Sung and most vehemently reject and denounce the piratic act and threat of the U.S. government against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. With its steadfast stand and militant determination the Korean government teaches us what road should be chosen in face of the imperialist aggressors. We, all revolutionary peoples and governments, are duty-bound to support the Korean government."

With Any Amount of War Blackmail the U.S. Imperialists Can Never Frighten the Korean People

In China

The Government of the Chinese People's Republic issued a statement on January 28 in support of the resolute measures taken by the Korean people against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and denounced the U.S. imperialists' policy of war blackmail.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are trying hard to cover up their crimes of aggression and bring pressure to bear on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through the United Nations, the statement went on to say:

The shameful record of the United Nations serving as a tool of U.S. imperialism in its aggression against Korea is still fresh in people's memory. The attempt of U.S. imperialism to

use once again the United Nations to serve its policy of aggression against Korea will certainly meet with the condemnation of the people throughout the world.

The statement said in conclusion:

In trying to intimidate the Korean people by war blackmail, the U.S. imperialists have forgotten the lesson they were taught in the Korean war. Should U.S. imperialism dare to embark on a new war adventure, it is bound to taste the bitter fruit of its own making and receive even more severe punishment.

U.S. Imperialism's Adventurous Line Is Doomed to Defeat

In the Soviet Union

The daily "Pravda" denounced the frenzied clamour of the U.S. imperialists and pointed out that such an act proves that they are rushing headlong along the dangerous road of expanding their criminal war in Asia. The adventurous line of the U.S. imperialists is doomed to defeat, the paper said.

The paper pointed out that the U.S. imperialists are more and more isolated politically in the international arena and that millions of people in all parts of the world demand to put an end to the U.S. imperialists' aggression and check their criminal provocative acts.

The paper "Krasnaya Zvezda" stressed that the incident of the "Pueblo" proved again that the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists remains unchanged.

U.S. Imperialism Caught in the Very Act

In Poland

Poland vehemently denounces the new war provocation schemes of U.S. imperialism.

The paper "Zolnierz Wolnosci" pointed out that the U.S. imperialists were greatly confused and puzzled over the fact that the "Pueblo" was caught red-handed.

The paper said: The very fact that the espionage ship was captured in a place very near from the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gives a full answer to the question who is to blame for the incident.

The Provocative Acts of the "Pueblo" Are a Link in the Chain of Provocations of U.S. Imperialism

In Democratic Germany

The ADN drew attention to the fact that the U.S. imperialists had shipped genocidal weapons and other war supplies into South Korea in violation of the Korean armistice agreement and perpetrated aggressive acts against the northern half of the Republic in the demilitarized zone. It pointed out that the provocative acts of the spy ship "Pueblo" were a link in the chain of provocations of U.S. imperialism.

U.S. Imperialism Is the World Gendarme

In Czechoslovakia

The paper "Rude Pravo" stressed that the espionage acts of the U.S. imperialists armed spy ship "Pueblo" seized in the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea proved that the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists is growing further. The paper denounced the U.S. imperialists for playing the role of the world gendarme.

Another paper said that the incident of the spy ship showed clearly what great danger the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor army is fraught with.

The Korean People Are Enjoying the Support of the World People

In Hungary

The paper "Nepszabadsag," denouncing the U.S. imperialists for raising hysteric war cries over the incident of the "Pueblo," warned the U.S. imperialists to bear in mind that the Korean People's Army and Korean people are fully prepared to cope with all aggression.

The paper stressed that the Korean people who are fighting for the freedom and sovereignty of their fatherland are enjoying the support of the peoples of the fraternal socialist countries and the freedom-loving peoples of the world, the Hungarian people included.

The Imperialist Provocateurs, Hands off Korea!

In Albania

The paper "Zeri I Popullit" remarked that any decision of the U.N. Security Council to shift on to others the responsibility of the U.S. imperialist aggressors for the situation created in the Far East is utterly void and null. The paper expressed its support to the unshakable stand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea toward the threat, blackmail and military provocations of the U.S. imperialists.

The "Pueblo" Incident Is Neither a Fortuitous One Nor an Isolated One

In Rumania

The paper "Scinteia," condemning the U.S. imperialists for having used the armed spy ship in an attempt to aggravate the situation in the Far East, emphasized that any act of infringing on the right of all peoples to determine

their own questions by themselves must not be tolerated.

Provocative Acts Nothing Can Conceal

In Mongolia

The paper "Unen" remarked that the provocative case of the "Pueblo" is a provocative act against a country which enjoys sovereignty—an act which nothing can conceal.

We Will Answer the U.S. Imperialist Provocative Act with Struggle

In Japan

The Japan Communist Party and other progressive political parties and public organizations issued statements denouncing sternly the schemes of U.S. imperialism for aggression and military provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In its statement the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party, condemning the U.S. imperialists who are committing military provocations, stressed that all the anti-imperialist, democratic forces of the world should be united and form, strengthen and develop the anti-imperialist joint action and the anti-imperialist united front to crush the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war. The statement also called for a resolution and posture to reply with strong struggle of protest including general strikes of the working class if the U.S. imperialists kindle another war in Korea.

The Japan Socialist Party, accusing the Sato government of its collusion with the U.S. imperialists' act of new war provocation, protested sternly against the war policy of the U.S. imperialists and set forth a nation-wide struggle policy for strengthening the solidarity with the Korean people.

Meanwhile, the Japanese people are vigorously organizing meetings, demonstrations and street propaganda work protesting and denouncing the manoeuvres of U.S. imperialist aggressors to unleash a new war in Korea.

In the city of Morioka a meeting of the people in Iwate Prefecture was held to denounce the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors in Korea. The meeting was attended by over 800 workers, peasants, youths, students, women and other sections of people. In Sendai city more than 1,000 people of all walks of life held a similar meeting of the people in Miyaki Prefecture and then marched through the streets.

Protest rallies and street propaganda work were also organized in Kyoto, Oita and other parts of Japan. In Tokyo the street propaganda work protesting and denouncing the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to ignite a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was conducted at 22 points in the main streets. The propagandists distributed to citizens 300,000 leaflets exposing the new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

The Korean People Will Not Leave the U.S. Imperialist Aggressors Unpunished

In Cambodia

Cambodian paper "Sochivathor" warned: If the U.S. imperialists trembling with fear dare to unleash a war they are bound to meet a defeat in face of Korea which has been converted into an incomparably strong country. The paper also warned the U.S. imperialist aggressors that the Korean people will not leave them to run wild at will.

The U.S. Imperialists Are Trampling Underfoot International Law

In Lebanon

Lebanese paper "Saut Al Uruba" described that the new provocative act of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has evoked indignation and wrath among the peoples throughout the world.

The paper continued:

The U.S. imperialists are violating international law. Others' coastal waters are not a stage for espionage activity. The U.S. imperialists must stop invading the coastal waters of other countries. The paper concluded by condemning the hue and cry raised by the U.S. imperialists.

The World People Are on the Side of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

In Iraq

The Iraqi paper "Al Muwatin" wrote that the capture of the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship in the territorial waters of Korea is a serious lesson to the U.S. imperialists and a stern warning to those who are encroaching upon the freedom, sovereignty and independence of other peoples. The paper declared that the world people are standing firm on the side of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It Attests to the Correctness of the Line of Self-defence Put Forth by Premier Kim Il Sung

In Algeria

Exposing the fact that the aggressive schemes of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been stepped up, the Algerian paper "El-Moudjahid" pointed

out that the Korean people have made preparations to counter them.

The paper went on:

Premier Kim Il Sung said in the Political Programme of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that **"The Government of the Republic will do all it can to further increase the defence capabilities of the country and build up the defence posture of the whole country and the entire people to cope with the obtaining situation."**

The counter-measure of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea against the recent provocation of the U.S. imperialists attests to the correctness of the line of self-defence put forth by Premier Kim Il Sung.

We Condemn U.S. Imperialists' Criminal Acts

In the United Arab Republic

The National Peace Council of the United Arab Republic issued a statement in which it pointed out that the U.S. imperialist war maniacs have committed the act of infringing on the rights of the people by infiltrating the spy ship into the territorial waters of an independent country.

The statement appealed to the public organizations of the U.A.R. to denounce the crimes of the U.S. imperialists and support the Korean people.

The "Al Ahram," "Egyptian Mail" and "Journal Egyptian" ran editorials condemning the U.S. imperialists.

Criminals Must Be Duly Punished

In Portuguese Guinea

Tunipen, representative of the African Independence Party of Portuguese Guinea and Cape Verde Islands, said that the U.S. imperialists are trying hard to frighten the Korean people by mobilizing an aircraft carrier, submarines, destroyers and up-to-date weapons, but they have miscalculated. Stressing that the criminals must be duly punished, he added:

The punishment of the U.S. imperialists by the Korean people is an example that embodied the thorough anti-imperialist stand of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Act of the Korean People Is Commanding Support of All the Progressive People of the World

In Chile

An editorial of the Chilian paper "El Siglo" said that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea defended the sovereignty and dignity of an independent state by capturing the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship which conducted espionage after intruding deep into its territorial waters.

Saying that the Korean people acted rightly when they checked the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the editorial stressed that this act is commanding the support of all the progressive people of the world.

A Very Plain Act of War

In Mexico

Mexican paper "Ultimas Notisias" branded the espionage act of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship in the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a "very plain act of war." The paper also denounced the U.S. imperialists who are increasing the danger of war by perpetrating aggression and provocative acts in various parts of the world.

U.S. Imperialists Are Creating A New Crisis in the Far East

In Uruguay

The Uruguayan paper "El Popular," commenting on the incident of the spy ship "Pueblo," said that the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists are creating a new crisis in the Far East.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are committing the brigandish war in Vietnam, organizing military coup d'etats in many countries and blocking Cuba, while threatening peace and security and lives of millions of people, the paper scathingly denounced the U.S. imperialists who are clinging to new aggressive moves.

U.S. Imperialists Are Notorious Aggressors

In Sweden

The Swedish paper "Aftonbladet" exposed that the U.S. imperialists who are accustomed to tell a lie after perpetrating military provocations in various parts of the world are trying to cover up their act of aggression "though they are labelled as the notorious aggressors in Asia."

It pointed out that the U.S. imperialists again perpetrated the military provocations proceeding from their policy of aggression in Asia.

A Just Self-defence Measure

In Finland

Finnish paper "Paivan Sanomat," recalling that the U.S. imperialist aggressor ship extremely aggravated tension in the Asian region by intruding into the coastal waters of a sover-

eign state and conducting espionage activities, pointed out that the U.S. imperialists should assume entire responsibility for the crisis created.

Emphasizing that it is a legitimate self-defence measure for naval vessels of the Korean People's Army to capture the U.S. imperialist spy ship which intruded into the territorial waters of its country, the paper added that every state has this right.

The World People Should Struggle against the Aggressive Attempt and Adventure of the U.S. Imperialists

In France

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party issued a statement. Stressing that the French Communist Party flays the military provocation of the U.S. imperialists and expresses full solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the statement pointed out that the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialists was caught red-handed.

Pointing out that the recent military provocation of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship again showed that the U.S. imperialists are igniting war everywhere in the world, "L'Humanité" stressed that the world people should struggle against the aggressive attempt and adventure of the U.S. imperialists under the obtaining situation.

U.S. Imperialism Is Menacing World Peace and Security

In Britain

The Political Committee of the British Communist Party issued a statement exposing that the U.S. imperialists had further aggravated tension by sending their armed spy ship to the Korean coastal waters, menacing the peace and security of the world.

The paper "Morning Star" carried an editorial denouncing the robber acts of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army in the coastal waters of the D.P.R.K.

We Condemn the Piratic Act of U.S. Imperialism

In Italy

The "Paese Sera" denounced the U.S. imperialist aggressors who are alleging that the "Pueblo" was seized outside the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and exposed that the ship committed a very grave provocative act, after being assigned a "task" by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Italian Communist Party denounced the "grave provocative acts" committed by U.S. imperialism and demanded the Italian reactionary government to condemn the piratic act of U.S. imperialism.

An Unpardonable International Provocation

In the United States

U.S. Negro leader Robert Tlicher said in his statement that the U.S. imperialists' infiltration of an armed spy ship into the coastal waters of other's country is an unpardonable international provocation and stressed that the American Negroes strongly denounce the new aggressive, provocative act of the U.S. imperialists. He expressed firm solidarity with the Korean people, saying that the seizure of this spy ship is a demonstration of the might of the Korean People's Army and a deserving punishment to the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the National Committee of the U.S. Communist Party, warned in his statement that the U.S. imperialists must stop at once their new war provocation drive in Asia.

U.S. Imperialism, Look Straight at Reality!

Executive Secretariat of the Tri-Continental Peoples' Solidarity Organization

The Executive Secretariat of the Tri-Continental People's Solidarity Organization issued a statement declaring that the provocative acts of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship are a flagrant violation of the Korean armistice agreement, part of the premeditated manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave criminal act further aggravating tension in the Far East and the world.

The statement denounced that the U.S. imperialists' "complaining" over this incident to the U.N. Security Council is a shameless, brigandish act designed to distort the reality.

In conclusion pointing out that if the U.S. imperialists unleash a war in Korea, not looking straight at reality, the heroic Korean People's Army and Korean people will surely deal an annihilating blow to the scoundrels, the statement called upon the peoples of the three Continents to organize and wage a struggle and movement for expressing solidarity in a more extensive and active way with the struggle of the Korean people who are determined to defend the security of their fatherland and unify the fatherland.

THE KOREAN PEOPLE STRONGLY CONDEMN THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE REACTIONARY SATO GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WHICH BROKE UP THE KOREA-JAPAN RED CROSS TALKS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on January 29 a statement in denunciation of the arrogant and impudent criminal act of the reactionary government of Japan which unilaterally broke off again the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks in Colombo for discussing the question of repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan.

Follows the full text of the statement:

Statement of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The reactionary government of Japan committed the arrogant and impudent criminal act of unilaterally breaking off again the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks in Colombo for discussing the question of the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan.

The Japanese authorities totally broke up the talks at last on January 24, upsetting completely everything that had so far been discussed, after dragging out the time for nearly two months with the crafty intention of disguising themselves as having some "sincerity" for the talks.

This is a most brazen perfidy without precedent in international negotiations and an act making a mockery of the Korean people, which can never be tolerated.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people sternly denounce and condemn this unpardonable criminal act of the Sato government of Japan which brought to a rupture the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks for discussing the question of repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has bent all sincere efforts to smoothly ensure the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan by surmounting all the difficulties created due to the sabotage of the repatriation agreement by the reactionary government of Japan.

At the recent talks, the delegation of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made weighty turning-point proposals which could make a practical basis for an agreement between the two sides.

The delegation of the Red Cross Society of our country proposed that all those desirous of returning home who have already applied for repatriation should be repatriated within two or three years under the existing repatriation agreement and as to those desirous of returning home who apply for it henceforth, our side should bear the expenses for them within Japan, which had so far been borne by the Japan Red Cross Society. It also proposed that if the Japan Red Cross Society was not in a position to continue to perform the repatriation business for Korean citizens in Japan, the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan should take it over and fulfil it.

These proposals of ours are another manifestation of the constant, paternal solicitude of Comrade Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the Korean citizens in Japan and reasonable ones fully in line with international law, international practice and humanitarianism.

Not only the Korean and Japanese peoples but also the progressive people the world over warmly supported these proposals of ours.

There can be no reason or excuse for the Japanese authorities to refuse to accept these proposals.

The reactionary government of Japan, however, resorted to every conceivable ways and means to wreck the repatriation operation of Korean citizens in Japan, stubbornly refusing our fair and aboveboard proposals.

While opposing our just proposals under sundry pretexts at the talks, the Japanese authorities came out with preposterous argument on their so-called "principle of treating applicants after the termination of the agreement" and "tentative measures."

The Japanese authorities shamelessly blared that they would send home by July this year only three thousand of over seventeen thousand people desirous of returning home who had already applied for repatriation and nullify the repatriation applications of the rest of them, and as for those Korean citizens in Japan who newly apply for, they would let them leave Japan by the so-called "method of individual treatment as ordinary foreigners" without any practical guarantee.

And they manoeuvred to actually rule out the possibility of assignment of the repatriation ship and entry of the delegation of the Red Cross Society of our country into Japan for taking over repatriates and they opposed without any ground the unconditional acceptance of repatriation applications and unconditional departure of the repatriation applicants from Japan, ensuring repatriation by our repatriation ship and the right of the repatriation applicants to notify for themselves to the fatherland their application for repatriation, that are basic questions indispensable for the fulfilment of the repatriation work.

Even categorically refusing our proposal for working out agreed documents on the results of the talks, the Japanese authorities went the length of haughtily declaring that there could be no agreement whatsoever at the talks and a document of legal binding on either side, in form or in content, could not be worked out as in the past.

It is preposterous to argue that an agreed document by which both sides assume legal responsibility for the results of the talks cannot be worked out after international talks.

This clearly indicates how maliciously the reactionary Sato Government of Japan tried to wreck the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks.

This time, too, as at the previous Moscow talks, the Japanese authorities attended the talks with the criminal intention to scuttle them and block the route of repatriation of the Korean citizens in Japan. To conceal this heinous aim and deceive world public opinion, the Sato clique have dragged on the talks up to now in a crafty way.

With no cunning tricks, however, can the Japanese militarists veil their criminal nature as one who wrecked the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks, wantonly trampling underfoot international law and humanitarianism.

It is a strict principle of international law and international usage and a firm demand of humanitarianism to repatriate citizens of a sovereign state to their homeland according to their will.

Originally, the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan is a part of work for atoning for the historical crimes the Japanese imperialists committed against the Korean people in the past and this work must be carried out by the Japanese government to the end with responsibility.

It is by no means fortuitous that the Japanese authorities, completely discarding this unavoidable legal and moral obligation, are persistently scheming to sabotage the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan.

The reactionary Sato government pursues the vicious aim of more faithfully serving the U.S. imperialists' Asian aggression and securing one more lever in its political bargaining with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique by wrecking the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan.

The entire Korean people will never be indifferent to the vicious, criminal intrigue of the Japanese militarists to use the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan, a sacred humanitarian undertaking, for a sinister political purpose.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people will fight to the end so that the Korean citizens in Japan may be embraced in the bosom of the longed-for fatherland and lead a happy life in accordance with their desire.

Today the Korean citizens in Japan cherish unbounded national confidence and pride as proud overseas citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the socialist fatherland daily prospering and developing under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and see their happy future in the prosperity of the fatherland.

Despite all sorts of persecution and suppressive manoeuvres of the reactionary government of Japan, Korean citizens in Japan who are desirous of returning home are steadily increasing in number. Those who have already applied for repatriation alone number over seventeen thousand.

The repatriation operation must be kept going on as long as there are intending repatriates.

To return to their fatherland is an inviolable, legitimate national right of the Korean citizens in Japan.

All the Korean citizens in Japan who are desirous of returning home will surely return to their glorious fatherland—the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Japanese government can never shirk its legal and moral responsibility for returning to their homeland all the Korean citizens in Japan who are desirous of returning home.

The Sato government of Japan must give up at once its foolish scheme to block the route of repatriation of the Korean citizens in Japan.

The Japanese government must look straight at reality and act discreetly.

If the Japanese authorities, defying the strong demand of the peoples of Korea and Japan and the progressive people of the whole world, doggedly take the road of wrecking the repatriation operation of the Korean citizens in Japan, they will be unable to escape a stern judgement of history and the people and will be held entirely responsible for the grave consequences arising therefrom.

Pyongyang,

January 29, 1968